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## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jay M. Finkelstein on 3/15/2006.

1. The application has been amended as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:** 

Claims 21-29, 85 and 88 have been cancelled, as requested. (Total claims cancelled 1-29, 40-58, 60, 61, 68-86 and 88).

2. Claims 30-39, 59, 62-67, 86, 87 and 89 are allowed over prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of record, Brown et al. (US 6,747,995), is in the same field of endeavor. However, Brown fails to disclose a module with the unique elements and functions associated thereto as claimed herein (claims 30 and 59). For example Brown does not include "an exchange line interface connectable to the analog telephone services connection together with a modern connected to the exchange line interface to conduct the digitized services signal over the wiring".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Afsar M. Qureshi whose telephone number is (571) 272 3178.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on (571) 272 3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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AFSAR QURESHI PRIMARY EXAMINER 3/15/2006